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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the patent application identified above, please add the new claims 38-43 as set forth in the attached CLAIMS REVISIONS.

All claims pending in this application are as follows:

1. A method for forming a proximal anastomosis of a graft vessel on a fluid-carrying vessel in a patient's body, the method comprising:

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